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STUDY GROUP TO IDENTIFY INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report prepared by the study group constituted for the purpose of identifying industrially backward districts has been reviewed;

(b) if so, the state-wise districts identified as industrially backward;

(c) the other features of the report; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to implement them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The state-wise districts of Category `A` and Category `B` are as per enclosed Annexure.

(c) The Review Group with a view to focus on the more deserving districts recommended modifications in the composite cut-off index. It also recommended inclusion of `no industry` districts and districts located in inaccessible hill areas based on composite index ratings.

(d) The Government has given effect to the Report by declaring Category `A` and Category `B` backward districts. The districts having composite index upto 250 have been put in Category `A` and those having composite index from 251 to 500 in Category `B`. The `no industry` districts, inaccessible hilly area districts and districts having no rail head connections have also been put in Category `A`. The Government have provided fiscal benefits on the above basis under section 80-IA of the Income Tax Act. Category `A` districts are entitled to a tax holiday for five years, and a deduction of 25% of profits (30% in case of companies) in the subsequent five years. Category `B` districts enjoy a three year tax holiday instead with similar deduction for the next five years. The benefits may be availed by undertaking that start manufacture or production on or before 31-3-2002.

ANNEXURE +

A. Category `A` industrially backward districts:

1. Godda Bihar

2. Gumla Bihar

3. Araria Bihar

4. Madhepura Bihar

5. Dumka Bihar
6. Khagaria Bihar

7 Kishanganj Bihar

8. Palamau Bihar

9. Madhubani Bihar

10. Jehanabad Bihar
11. Saharsa Bihar
12. Nawadah Bihar
13. Sitamarhi Bihar
14. Sahebganj Bihar
15. Aurangabad Bihar
16. East Champaran Bihar
17. Purnia Bihar
18. Siwan Bihar
19. Vaishali Bihar
20. Lohardagga Bihar

21. The Dangs Gujarat

22. Wayanad Kerala
23. Idukki Kerala

24. Gadchiroli Maharashtra

25. Mandla Madhya Pradesh
26. Sarguja Madhya Pradesh
27. Chhatarpur Madhya Pradesh
28. Panna Madhya Pradesh
29. Bastar Madhya Pradesh

30. Phulbani Orissa
31. Kalahandi Orissa

32. Jalore Rajasthan
33. Barmer Rajasthan
34. Jaisalmer Rajasthan
35. Churu Rajasthan
36. Banswara Rajasthan

37. Sidharthanagar Uttar Pradesh
38. Bahraich Uttar Pradesh
39. Pratapgarh Uttar Pradesh
40. Maharajganj Uttar Pradesh
41. Banda Uttar Pradesh
42. Basti Uttar Pradesh
43. Chamoli Uttar Pradesh
44. Uttarkashi Uttar Pradesh
45. Almora Uttar Pradesh
46. Pithoragarh Uttar Pradesh
47. Tehri Garhwal Uttar Pradesh

48. Murshidabad West Bengal
49. Cooch Behar West Bengal
50. Bankura West Bengal
51. Jalpaiguri West Bengal
52. Malda West Bengal
53. West Dinajpur West Bengal

B. Category `B` industrially backward districts:

1. Srikakulam Andhra Pradesh

2. Mahbubnagar Andhra Pradesh

3. Katiyar Bihar

4. Bhagalpur Bihar

5. Gopalganj Bihar
6. Darbhanga Bihar

7 West Champran Bihar

8. Saran Bihar

9. Bhojpur Bihar
10. Samastipur Bihar
11. Deoghar Bihar
12. Nalanda Bihar
13. Gaya Bihar
14. Mazaffarpur Bihar
15. Rohtas Bihar

16. Banaskantha Gujarat
17. Sabarkantha Gujarat

18. Bidar Karnataka

19. Seoni Madhya Pradesh
20. Tikamgarh Madhya Pradesh
21. Shivpuri Madhya Pradesh
22. Balaghat Madhya Pradesh
23. Jhabua Madhya Pradesh
24. Sidhi Madhya Pradesh
25. Vidisha Madhya Pradesh
26. Raigarh Madhya Pradesh
27. Morena Madhya Pradesh
28. Betul Madhya Pradesh
29. Rajgarh Madhya Pradesh
30. Rajnandgaon Madhya Pradesh
31. Sagar Madhya Pradesh

32. Beed Maharashtra

33. Bolangir Orissa
34. Mayurbhanj Orissa
35. Balasore Orissa
36. Ganjam Orissa

37. Dungarpur Rajasthan
38. Dholpur Rajasthan
39. Sawai Madhopur Rajasthan
40. Tonk Rajasthan
41. Nagaur Rajasthan
42. Jhalawar Rajasthan
43. Sikar Rajasthan

44. Hardoi Uttar Pradesh
45. Lalitpur Uttar Pradesh
46. Hamirpur Uttar Pradesh
47. Badaun Uttar Pradesh
48. Fatehpur Uttar Pradesh
49. Azamgarh Uttar Pradesh
50. Etah Uttar Pradesh
51. Barabanki Uttar Pradesh
52. Etawah Uttar Pradesh
53. Deoria Uttar Pradesh
54. Ghazipur Uttar Pradesh
55. Ballia Uttar Pradesh

56. Jaunpur Uttar Pradesh
57. Sitapur Uttar Pradesh
58. Jalaun Uttar Pradesh
59. Unnao Uttar Pradesh
60. Faizabad Uttar Pradesh
61. Kanpur Dehat Uttar Pradesh
62. Mainpur Uttar Pradesh
63. Gonda Uttar Pradesh
64. Farukhabad Uttar Pradesh
65. Sultanpur Uttar Pradesh
66. Mirzapur Uttar Pradesh
67. Mau Uttar Pradesh

68. Purulia West Bengal
69. Birbhum West Bengal
70. Midnapore West Bengal

+ List of districts has shown states, as they stood prior to the creation of
 Jharkhand, Uttaranchal, and Chattisgarh